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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. PCT/CA02/00238 filed on February 26, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application No. 09/791,802, filed February 26, 2002; the entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference,

By 777388 ONTARIO LIMITED

For NETWORKED SOUND MASKING AND PAGING SYSTEM

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, and claims drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	30-20 =	10	x 18 =	x 9 = 90
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4-3 =	1	x 84 =	x 42 = 42
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
TOTAL				\$507.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 in the amount of . A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. , filed on , the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☒ --This application is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of PCT International Application No. PCT/CA02/00238 filed on February 26, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application No. 09/791,802 filed on February 26, 2002. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.
6. ☒ Enclosed is/are Twenty-Two ( 22 ) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. on . See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

- 7b. ☒ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to 777388 ONTARIO LIMITED.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s).    filed in    on    is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on   .
- 10b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/CA02/00238 filed on February 26, 2002 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and U.S. Application No. 09/791,802 filed on February 26, 2001 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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13. ☐ An extension of time for    ( ) month(s) until    has been submitted in parent Application No.    in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

International Search Report

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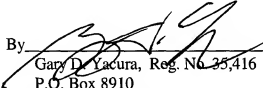
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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